

Service Date: March 24, 1987

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF Montana PSC

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IN THE MATTER of the Application)	UTILITY DIVISION
of PROJECT TELEPHONE COMPANY)	DOCKET NO. 87.2.7
Increase Rates for Telephone Services.)	DEFAULT ORDER NO. 5261

On February 3, 1987 Project Telephone filed an application to increase its rates for basic exchange service by \$2.33 per line. This increase in rates does not represent an increase in revenues to Project Telephone. This increase in rates would offset a decrease in carrier access charge revenues Project Telephone has been experiencing since January 1, 1987.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. A Notice of opportunity for Public Hearing was issued on February 11, 1987. The notice was served on the Montana consumer Counsel and was published in the Carbon Co. news, the Billings Gazette, and the Laurel Outlook. The Notice stated that if no request for a hearing were received by March 11, 1987, an order could be issued based upon evidence submitted with the application.
2. No requests for a hearing on the application have been received by the Commission.
3. The Commission finds that the request of Project Telephone Company is reasonable. The increase simply offsets a decrease in carrier access revenues Project Telephone has been experiencing since January 1, 1987 and as such does not represent a revenue increase to the Company.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Project Telephone company furnishes regulated telecommunications services within the State of Montana and is a public utility under the regulatory jurisdiction of the Montana Public Service Commission.
2. The Montana Public Service Commission properly exercises jurisdiction over Project Telephone's Montana operation pursuant to Title 69, Chapter 3, MCA.

ORDER

1. Project Telephone Company's request to increase rates by \$2.33 is hereby GRANTED.

2. The rates granted herein will be effective for services rendered on and after March 19, 1987.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana this 19th day of March, 1987, by a 5-0 vote.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CLYDE JARVIS, Chairman

HOWARD L. ELLIS, Commissioner

TOM MONAHAN, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

JOHN B. DRISCOLL, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Ann Purcell
Commission Secretary
(SEAL)

NOTE: Any interested party may request that the Commission to reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See 38.2.4806, ARM.

